

October 31, 2019

The Honorable Calvin Ball
County Executive
Howard County
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball:

As requested by Howard County to designate the Dorsey MARC Transit Station area as a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) presented to the Smart Growth Coordination Committee on August 7, 2019 and the Smart Growth Subcabinet on October 8, 2019 to consider the potential for having the one-half mile radius of the Dorsey MARC Transit Station recommended to be designated as a TOD. Under Transportation Article §7-101(m), Annotated Code of Maryland, sites or areas may be designated by the Secretary of the MDOT and the local government as a TOD after a recommendation by the Smart Growth Subcabinet.

On October 15, 2019, a letter was received from the Office of the Special Secretary of Smart Growth providing the necessary recommendation. To formalize this designation and in keeping with Smart Growth Subcabinet recommendation, I approve the one-half mile radius of the Dorsey MARC Transit Station as a State designated TOD; therefore, a TOD Designation Agreement is enclosed for your execution.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Nimisha Sharma, MDOT Office of Real Estate and Economic Development (ORED) Director, at 410-865-1235 or nsharma@mdot.maryland.gov. Ms. Sharma will be happy to assist you. Of course, you may always contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Pete K. Rahn
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Nimisha Sharma, Director, ORED, MDOT